IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

MARY B. WILSON,

Plaintiff,

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:05cv44 (Maxwell)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

ORDER

It will be recalled that on December 21, 2006, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. On December 28, 2006, the Defendant filed a Brief in Opposition to the Motion for Attorney Fees. On April 2, 2007, the Court referred the matter to United States Magistrate Judge John S. Kaull, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 4.01(d). On December 4, 2007, Magistrate Judge Kaull filed his Report and Recommendation, wherein he recommended denying the Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees. The parties were directed in Magistrate Judge Kaull's Report and Recommendation to file with the Clerk of Court any written objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy. No objections have been filed. Accordingly, the Court will review the Magistrate's Report and Recommendation for clear error.¹

Upon examination of the Report and Recommendation filed by the Magistrate

¹The failure of a party to object to a Report and Recommendation waives the party's right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based thereon and, additionally, relieves the Court of any obligation to conduct a *de novo* review of the issues presented. See Wells v. Shriners Hospital, 109 F.3d 198, 199-200 (4th Cir. 1997); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 148-153 (1985).

Judge, it appears to the Court that the issues raised in the Motion for Attorney Fees and

the Brief filed in opposition thereto were thoroughly considered by Magistrate Judge

Kaull. The Court notes that Magistrate Judge Kaull issued an Order ordering the

Plaintiff to Show Cause why her Motion for Attorney's Fees should not be dismissed;

however, Plaintiff failed to respond. The Court, reviewing all matters now before it for

clear error, is of the opinion that the Report and Recommendation accurately reflects

the law applicable to the facts and circumstances before the Court in this matter.

Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Kaull's Report and Recommendation of

December 4, 2007 shall be, and the same hereby is, accepted in whole. Accordingly,

for the reasons set forth in the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, it is

ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees under the Equal Access

to Justice Act shall be, and the same hereby is **DENIED**.

The Clerk of Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of

record.

ENTER: June <u>4</u>, 2008

/s/ Robert E. Maxwell

United States District Judge

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